



The Steering Wheel



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A Publication by and for the members of the Victori-A's

Issue 11

Under the Hood with.....

your Prez, *James Kasper*

Greetings fellow Model A'ers,

By the time you read this message, we should have the election behind us. I'm so tired of hearing the lies from the media and each candidate. The Autumn A Tour was a lot of fun, it was a beautiful day for a drive and visiting with our friends from the Austin and Luling clubs. Already looking forward to our combined Annual Picnic and Christmas Party November 14th. Don't forget auction items and gift for the White Elephant Christmas exchange. More information to come so watch your emails.

Keeping it on the road!

James Kasper



Gaylon & James in front of Gaylon's Model A PU
Autumn A 2020 The Chris Powell Memorial Tour Oct 31, 2020



A 2020

The Chris Powell Memorial Tour

Driving Model A's – James & Chris Kasper; Gary East; Gaylon Vaughn; Steve & Nancy Whiddon; Bill & Theresa Spellacy; Willie & Laura Sanders we headed towards Cuero and then onto Gonzales. Our first stop was McDonald's in Cuero where Gary East had to leave us due to a family emergency. The rest of us enjoyed a leisurely drive through the countryside towards Gonzales. We had a brief pit stop at Stripes in Gonzales and then on to Palmetto State Park to meet up with the Austin A's. With our 5 Model A's we were met with 15 more from the Austin As. We drove through the Park then headed back to Gonzales for our picnic lunch at the Brickyard Pavilion in Independence Park. It was good to see each other again. John Hall, Sam Jackson, Gilmary Powell and her sons welcomed us with a short speech and blessing before our meal. Then it was time to head back home. Some of the Austin As headed back into Gonzales for a little shopping, our Victoria group started back home taking the back roads again. We stopped at the DQ in Cuero for a dessert break, said goodbye, then discovered that our A had a flat tire. Thank goodness there was a service station right across the street. All it took was a little air and then we were on our way again. It started out cool, then turned into a nice sunny day.





Willie, Gaylon, James, Chris



Steve, Laura



Bill & Theresa



Front & Back of the T-Shirt



Happy Birthday November

Jody Brett 11/03
Hollis Millard 11/04
Laura Sanders 11/14
J.R. Rusch 11/23



Happy Anniversary November

None for November



If I have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let me know email nwhiddon@suddenlinkmail.com

Upcoming Events



Subject to change

Calendar of Events

Nov 01 – Daylight Saving Time Ends
Nov 03 – Election Day
Nov 11 – Veterans Day
Nov 14 – Meeting, Auction, Christmas Party
Nov 26 – Thanksgiving Day

Dec 05 – Reverse Christmas Parade
Dec 07 – Pearl Harbor Day
Dec 13 – Monthly Meeting TBA
Dec 21 – First Day of Winter
Dec 25 – Christmas Day

Watch emails for any changes or additions.

We remember Buddy Perkins on his November 15th birthday.



Please continue to keep all our members in your prayers



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COMING EVENTS

Victoria Veterans Day Parade – Wednesday, Nov 11th. The parade starts at about 10am near The Public Library and ends in front of The Victoria County Courthouse. A formal ceremony will begin at 11am on the Courthouse steps. More info will be coming later. (Parade cancelled, have not yet heard about any other plans for this year 2020)

VICTORIA LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE 2020

Tis the season! The Annual Lighted Christmas Parade will be December 5th, 2020 in Riverside Park starting at 6p!

This year is going to be a Reverse Parade due to COVID restrictions and a fireworks show to follow sponsored by The Hartman Family. This means, as a parade float you will be assigned a spot in Riverside Park and you will stay there for the evening while community members drive past and view all the floats!

*Limited spots available this year due to the change in location. First come first serve basis.

Keep an eye out on Victoria Parks and Recreation [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) for more information about the Parade and Christmas on the Square.

Save the Date

We will have a combined Annual Meeting, Picnic, Auction
&
Christmas Party

Saturday, November 14th

At Gaylon's new church location

Lighthouse Free Will Baptist Church
605 Glasgow St, Victoria, TX 77904

Come about 11am for meet & great
lunch at 12 noon

bring your auction items, Christmas gift for our traditional Christmas gift exchange, and a side dish to go with fried chicken furnished by the club



Ron and Nena Albert and their 1929 Model A at our June meeting.

Victori-A's: We had a March 7th cookout with the Victoria AACA Club and a March 8th meeting before the quarantine. With the Poor Boy Tour for April canceled and the combined MAFCA National Convention/Texas Tour canceled, two clubs stepped up to offer a condensed Texas Tour in June. We had a Memorial Day Picnic with the Victoria AACA Club, and we had a short ride and sack lunch for our June meeting.

Nancy Whiddon

I just received the digital *The Restorer* Nov/Dec and our club report is not in it. I want you to know that it was submitted well before the deadline and I did receive confirmation that it was received. It was the right amount of words and the picture was per specifications. I have emailed to see why it was not published. Below is what you would have seen.

Victori-A's Model A Ford Club-We were lucky that we had our joint cookout March 7th with the Victoria AACA Club and our March 8th meeting before the quarantine started. The Poor Boy Tour scheduled for April was cancelled. The combined MAFCA National Convention and Texas Tour was cancelled; however, two clubs stepped up to offer a condensed Texas Tour in June. We also held a Memorial Day Picnic jointly with the Victoria AACA Club. We plan to have a short ride and



sack lunch for our June meeting and we look forward to Pate in October. Pictured is our "Mr. Model A" Willie Sanders in his "A".

Nancy Whiddon.

I also submitted the picture above to *The Restorer* and evidently it was not to their specifications. I submitted the same picture to *The Model A News*, and they published it just fine in the Sept/Oct issue.



Chapter Report

Meetings have been cancelled, Texas Tour scaled down, Pate Swap Meet cancelled. We are looking forward to our Annual Meeting/lunch/auction in Sept. We get together with the Victoria AACA Club for a Mini Show 'N Shine once a month at DQ for a snack, fellowship with each other and our cars. We practice social distancing, stay safe, 6ft apart, wear our masks. Pictured: Gary East and his 1930 Model A Coupe at DQ.

Nancy Whiddon
Victori-A's Model A Ford Club
Victoria, TX

4 tips for protecting your car from day-to-day hazards...

by Hagerty Media

check it out here

for tips on tires, battery, car cover, safety

https://www.hagerty.com/media/advice/4-tips-for-protecting-your-car-from-day-to-day-hazards/?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=20_October_10_Newsletter_Weekend

Board of Directors Election Results:

October 25 - Your votes were cast and counted by volunteers at MAFCA headquarters. The following candidates were elected to a 2-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022:



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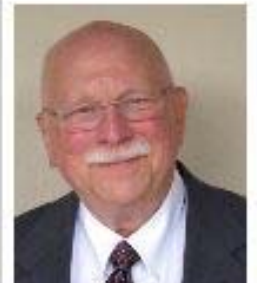
Robert Bullard
Hockley TX



Ruth Janke
Concord CA



Dean Potter
Calgary Alberta



Bill Truesdell
Concord CA

Nancy:

My apologies. Somehow, I failed to copy and paste your email report into my master document. I always double-check that I've not missed any, but somehow this time I failed. Please convey my apologies to the people in your club.

Andy Scheer
Editor
The Restorer



October 2020



No meeting so no minutes



Thanks to all club members and friends for pictures and info, the November 2020 issue *The Flying Quail*, and The Ford Squeaks for articles and information in this issue of our newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Watch email & texts for more information concerning future meeting date & location.

Hi, Nancy. My name is Jason, and I got your number from the MAFCA website. I'm reaching out to see if you, or one of the members of your chapter, has a set of original 1929 license plates for sale.



Be sure to like the
Victori-A's Ford Model A Club

<https://www.victoriamodelaclub.com>

Thanks to Anita, we now have a new website.

**KEEP
CALM
AND
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**

It is time to Renew
your Annual Membership

2021 Dues

are due by 12/31/2020
Please pay your \$20 club dues to
Treasurer Gail Henrichs

Club dues are \$20 and due now



Remember Our Veterans November 11



Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be
And bless these gifts
Bestowed by Thee.
And bless our loved ones everywhere,
And keep them in Your loving care.

There is a Presidential Proclamation every year proclaiming the fourth Thursday of November as a National Day of Thanksgiving. It is a day set aside to be thankful for our lives, our freedoms, our blessings and above all to God for giving us this life.

On Face Book the other day my daughter posted the following about Thanksgiving: growing up in Singapore we always went to a Thanksgiving Day celebration hosted by the American Association. Part of the service included the US Ambassador reading the president's Thanksgiving proclamation. I grew up thinking the proclamation was a really big deal and I figured in the states it would be on TV and in the newspaper. Then I moved back to the states and found out no one had even heard of it and knew it happened. The Associated Press releases it every year so when I did the editorial page for the paper the day before Thanksgiving (it was a small paper and we didn't publish on holidays) I always made sure to include it. (Note, you can Google and find it on www.whitehouse.gov)





A HARD LESSON LEARNED by Jim Fredenhagen, from Tinkering Times Oct 2020, Anchorage Auto Musers of Alaska, Tom Cresap, Editor.

Jim's daughter Shelby's vehicle, 1979 Dodge PU she named Tangerine Tanny went up in flames. There was smoke coming out of the heater. She pulled over and shut everything off until her dad could get to her. 10 minutes later the whole cab was engulfed, and the fire department did their job, but it was a total loss. There must have been leaf debris in the heater that ignited when the fan resistor inside got hot when the fan was turned on. Since leaves are starting to fall be more aware of them collecting around the car's heater/vent opening and keeping it clear, maybe blowing out the heater with compressed air, and having a fire extinguisher mounted conveniently.

NOV.



lose one hour on
the 1st



on the 3rd



on the 11th



Happy Thanksgiving

on the 24th

2021 Dues

Are now due

Please pay your \$20 local club dues to Treasurer Gail Henrichs.

Membership in the MAFCA or MARC is not mandatory to join the Victori-A's, but we do encourage all members to join one or both. Application forms for these clubs can be obtained on their website as follows: MAFCA www.mafca.com (\$50); MARC www.modelaford.org (\$45). You will receive all the national information and opportunities in the enjoyment of your Model A. You will also receive *The Restorer* magazine. (mafca) or *Model A News* magazine (marc). Membership does not require the actual possession of a Model "A", but merely an interest in the club's objectives, and a desire to take an active part in club activities.

Some Thanksgiving facts

- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird, not the eagle.
- Americans eat 46 million turkeys each Thanksgiving.
- The heaviest turkey on record, according to the Guinness Book of Records, weighs 86 pounds.
- Female turkeys (called hens) do not gobble. Only male turkeys gobble.
- The average turkey for Thanksgiving weighs 15 pounds.
- Wild turkeys can run 20 miles per hour when they are scared.
- In 1953, Swanson was faced with a massive turkey surplus (260 tons worth), so they decided to take advantage of new technology in freezing and packaging, and created what's gone down in history as the first mass-market TV dinner.
- The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924 with 400 employees marching from Convent Ave to 145th Street in New York City. No large balloons were at this parade, as it featured only live animals from Central Park Zoo.
- Because there were no deflation procedures in place, the earliest parade balloons were just let go at the end, and those who found them after they came back down to earth could send them back to Macy's to claim a prize.
- No forks at the first Thanksgiving! The first Thanksgiving was eaten with spoons and knives — but no forks! That's right, forks weren't even introduced to the Pilgrims until 10 years later and weren't a popular utensil until the 18th century.
- Campbell's soup created green bean casserole for an annual cookbook 50 years ago. It now sells \$20 million dollars worth of cream of mushroom soup.



Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

Removing Rear Wheel Hub/Drum



The rear hubs and drums are bolted on to the tapered axle shafts quite tightly. It is not always easy to get them off when you need to inspect the brakes or check the rear wheel bearings. Don't let this put you off.

You can buy a special "hub puller" that is designed to help get the hub off of the axle. It uses a large bolt that you screw in to press against the axle, and the puller pulls on the hub.

Some Model A hubs were made with a ridge that sticks up, away from the hub body. The puller connects with that ridge. Other hubs were made with a groove machined down into the hub. The puller goes down into that groove and pulls as you tighten the bolt.



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Some pullers are specific to the style hub you have (ridge up or groove down) so before getting a tool, you should remove a wheel to see what kind of hub you have to be sure to get the right puller. Other pullers are designed to work with either style hub, which is handy -- so you might want to look for one of them.

When using the puller, it is hard to keep the drum from turning as you tighten the bolt on the puller. Put a wheel lug nut on the drum temporarily and put a 13/16" box-end wrench on it. Press down on that wrench while you lift up on (tighten) the big bolt in the puller. The wrench will jam against the hub and stop the drum from turning as you tighten the bolt.

[insert photo here]

When using the puller, tighten the big bolt, then tap the head of the bolt with a hammer. Tighten the bolt again, then tap with a hammer again. Repeat this until the hub pops free of the tapered axle.

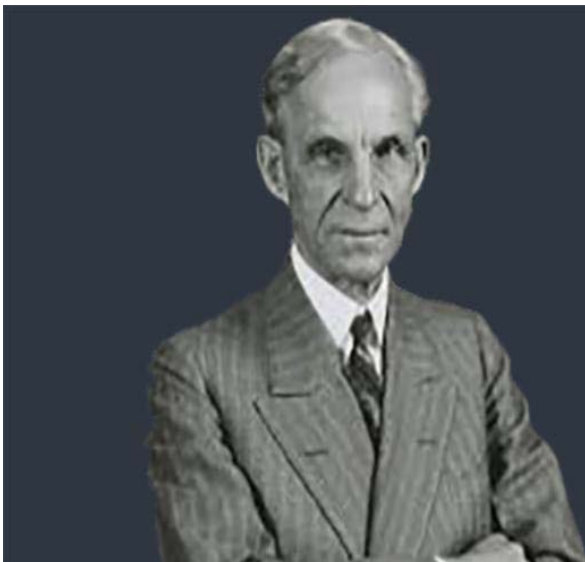
Removing the rear drums is a pretty common task for servicing a Model A, so it is worth investing in a hub puller tool. It makes the job easier and helps you get back on the road quickly to Have a Model A Day!

Jim



2004 MAFCA Nationals, Portland

Photo by Garth Shreading
November 2020 *The Flying Quail*



Henry Said:

"One of the greatest discoveries a person makes, one of their great surprises, is to find they can do what they were afraid they couldn't do."

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Some thoughts from Tom Jeanes, MAFCA Chapter Coordinator

Well, this certainly has not been the year we envisioned last January. We all planned to make new friends at the upcoming Model A events, learn new tasks as we took on additional responsibilities within the clubs and organizations that we belonged to and hoped to make our groups stronger and more fun.

We have not been entirely successful but we get a mulligan. As we approach the end of the year, we get to review the plans we made and revise them. Certainly we had some items that will remain unchanged and some will have to change.

Many clubs had a goal to increase membership and our plans were somewhat nebulous. Now that we have had a year of thought about this process, what are we going to do differently? How do we grow membership? One of the best ways to grow membership is to be more visible in the community. Are there car shows in your area? Encourage members to attend these events with their cars. These shows are attended by other Model A owners, some of whom don't belong to your club. Talk up the benefits of belonging to a club such as group experience for problem solving and social interaction. You can have some cards printed that indicate your club name, your meeting time and a space to provide your contact information like a phone numb or email address, and take the time to follow up on your contact.

Another goal many clubs had in their plans was to tour more frequently. Covid-19 has made that somewhat difficult and there is no certainty that things will be different initially but we do have belief that things will get better and we can plan for that time. So what kinds of tours can we envision? You might want to organize a local tour of a neighboring town- just get out and show off your cars or you could organize a tour of the local senior communities such as Eskaton. Seniors enjoy seeing your cars and appreciate your efforts - dress up, smile, take pictures, honk your horns and most of all follow up with each location. You can send pictures so that the residents can enjoy the memories. Remember that many of these folks have birthdays, significant birthdays; be willing to participate in the celebration. Two years ago, I had the opportunity to give a short ride to a woman celebrating her 105th birthday. She enjoyed the ride but complained that it was bumpier than she remembered. The local newspaper covered the event and that helped our visibility.

Remember, be visible in the community and it will pay dividends. All you have to do to is plant the seed and provide the water and TLC.

If you haven't yet

Many MAFCA members have already renewed for 2021 - thank you to all who've done so!

Membership brings many benefits as we all know, and our dues are the main source of the income that enables them. If you haven't yet renewed your membership, this is the time to make that happen! And thank you.



Renew your 2021 membership today

Call 866-379-3619

or visit

www.mafca.com

MAFCA's National Tour

June 20-24, 2021

Email us at:

whitemountainadventure@gmail.com

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Early Bird Newsletter](#)

Two New Books

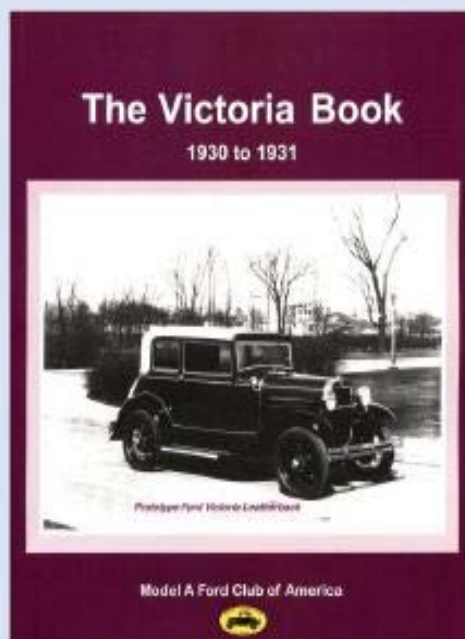
MAFCA introduces two new must have books for your reference library.



The **Model A & AA Ford Paint & Finish Guide** and **The Victoria Book** are being offered now, just in time for the holiday season.

The new **Model A & AA Paint & Finish Guide** is the 4th edition of this valuable reference. This is a must have book to guide you in the finishing of your Model A or AA. The text has been updated and some illustrations are now in color to enhance the details. The paint chip section has had an extensive upgrade with the paint chip size increased to approximately 2" x 4" with only 4 chips per page. This greatly enhances usefulness of the chips for comparison and for scanning.

Order your copy now for \$42.50 plus S&H



The Victoria Book is our latest Body Style publication and it follows the format of our other Body Style books in that it is full of specific information of the Model A Victoria.

The information for this book is adapted from articles published in the Victoria Association *The Bustle* and *The Restorer* magazine. The extensive use of color pictures throughout the book provides extraordinary detail of areas being discussed.

If you own a Victoria, in fact even if you don't own one, you will find this book loaded with helpful information

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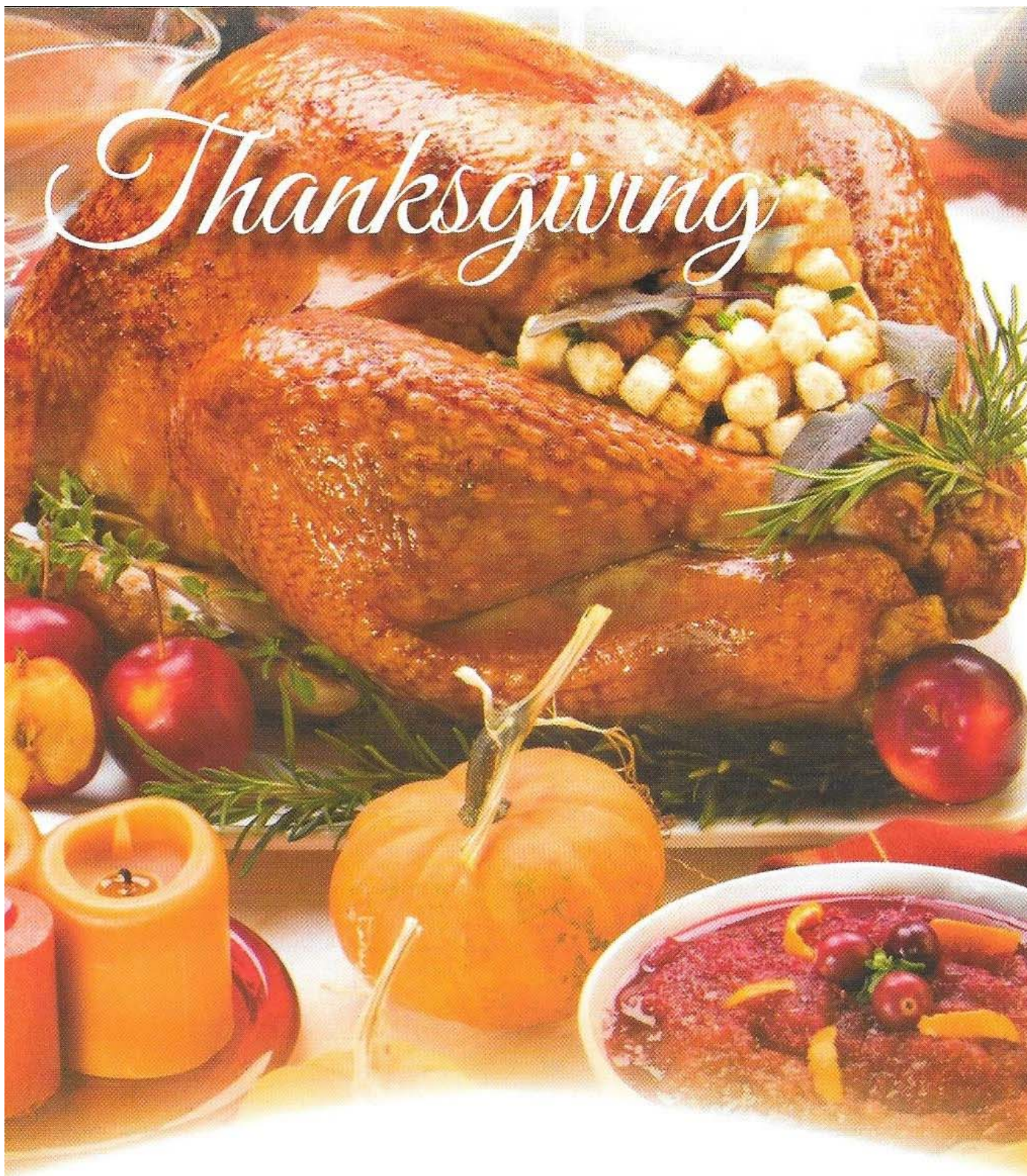


2021 NATIONAL TOUR

Check out the

EARLY BIRD NEWSLETTER

<https://www.2021mafcanationaltour.com/>



*Dear Lord,
Thank You for this gift of food
You've placed upon our table —
And help us all to do Your work
In any way we're able.*



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING
26th NOVEMBER 2020

MEN'S TECH SESSIONS

Every Wednesday morning at 8 a.m.

Nursery "hitching post" station.

The sessions in September will be:

November 4, 11, 18, 25

Come and join in on these sessions. Everyone can
learn something NEW.

